

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method of updating business control data, comprising the  
2 steps of:  
  
3 developing a model of business rules and building said rules into  
4 a modeled database;  
  
5 entering business control data into said modeled database; and  
  
6 disseminating to a plurality of applications, respective portions  
7 of said business control data according to said business rules.  
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12 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said rules are built to define  
13 a dissemination structure.  
  
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17 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said structure has a plurality  
18 of instances of said modeled database.  
  
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22 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said plurality of instances run  
23 on a corresponding plurality of servers located in corresponding  
24 geographical locations.  
  
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28 5. The method of claim 4, wherein said geographical locations are  
29 in disparate continents.

3 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said business control data is  
4 entered into said modeled database using a common data  
5 administration application.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein said common data administration  
2 application is adapted to receive input from logged on  
3 individuals and from an automated feed from a source system.

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1 8. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of entering  
2 additional rules into said common data administration  
3 application.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said business control data is  
2 entered into said modeled database according to said additional  
3 rules.

1 10. A system for updating business control data, comprising:

2 a relational database having rules defining a business model  
3 having a plurality of applications;

4 business control data in said relational database; and

5 dissemination means coupled to said relational database for  
6 disseminating said business control data to said plurality of  
7 applications according to said business rules.

8 11. The system of claim 10, wherein said rules define a  
9 dissemination structure.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein said structure has a  
2 plurality of instances of said relational database.

1 13. The system of claim 12, wherein said plurality of instances  
2 run on a corresponding plurality of servers located in  
3 corresponding geographical locations.

4 14. The system of claim 13, wherein said geographical locations  
5 are in disparate continents.

6 15. The system of claim 10, further comprising a common data  
7 administration application coupled to said relational database  
8 for entering said business control data into said relational  
9 database.

1 16. The system of claim 15, wherein said common data  
2 administration application is adapted to receive input from  
3 logged on individuals and from an automated feed from a source  
4 system.

1 17. The system of claim 15, further comprising additional rules  
2 in said common data administration application.

1 18. The system of claim 17, wherein said common data  
2 administration application is adapted to enter said business  
3 control data into said relational database according to said  
4 additional rules.

1 19. A computer program product for instructing a processor to  
2 maintain business control data, said computer program product  
3 comprising:  
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5 a computer readable medium;

6 first program instruction means for developing a model of  
7 business rules and building said rules into a modeled database;

8 second program instruction means for entering business control  
9 data into said modeled database; and

10 third program instruction means for disseminating to a plurality  
11 of applications, respective portions of said business control  
12 data according to said business rules; and wherein

13 all three of said program instruction means are recorded on said  
medium.